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E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: PINT, LA
SUBJECT: PRIME MINISTER SOUVANNA PHOUMA RETURNS TO VIENTIANE

1. PRIME MINISTER SOUVANNA PHOUMA RETURNED TO VIENTIANE THIS MORNING. HE HAD BEEN IN LUANG PRABANG SINCE NOVEMBER 15 (TWO WEEKS AFTER HIS RETURN FROM FRANCE) TO CONTINUE CONVALESCING FROM THE SEVERE HEART ATTACK HE SUFFERED IN JULY 1974. HE ARRIVED AT WATTAY AIRPORT ABOARD A SOVIET YAK-40 JET BELONGING TO "NEOLAOHAKSAT AIRLINE"; PATHET LAO FLAG WAS EMBLAZONED ON AIRCRAFT'S TAIL. THE PLANE'S CREW APPEARED TO BE SOVIET.

2. ARRIVAL CEREMONIES AT WATTAY WERE KEPT TO A MINIMUM. SOME TWO HUNDRED GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND LAO DIGNITARIES WERE PRESENT, AND PRIME MINISTER SPENT 15 MINUTES SHAKING HANDS. DIPLOMATIC CORPS WAS NOT INVITED AND THERE WAS NO POPULAR TURNOUT
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EITHER AT AIRPORT OR ALONG ROUTE TO P.M.'S RESIDENCE.

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3. COMMENT: IT REMAINS TO BE SEEN JUST HOW ACTIVE A ROLE SOUVANNA WILL PLAY BUT HE WILL CERTAINLY COME UNDER GREATER PRESSURES THAN IN LUANG PRABANG. AT THE VERY LEAST HE IS NOW OUT FROM UNDER THE CONSTANT INFLUENCE OF SOUPHANOUVONG, AND THE VIENTIANE SIDE SHOULD NOW HAVE EASIER AND MORE REGULAR ACCESS TO HIM.
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